## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	<b>✓</b> Force	☑ Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Olga Bentin		Squad #4	201905682	☐ Abuse	O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Thursday, 06/20/2019 11:41 AM		6 Train Mezzanine, non Lafayette Street and Ca		05	12/20/2020	8/6/2021
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	Date/Time	Received at CCR	В
Thu, 06/20/2019 4:35 PM	IAB		Phone	Fri, 06/28/	Fri, 06/28/2019 11:08 AM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Meetpal Singh	15817	961292	TB DT02			
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name			
1. POM Joseph Cammarato	13689	960311	TB DT02			
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2. CPT Antonio Fidacaro	00000	938476	TB DT02			
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## **Case Summary**

On June 20, 2019, Capt. Antonio Fidacaro, from the Transit District 2, contacted the IAB Command Center and filed this complaint on behalf of a prisoner, § 87(2)(b) On June 28, 2019, this complaint was received at the CCRB.

On June 20, 2019, at approximately 11:41 a.m., \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ was arrested in the mezzanine area of the Uptown (6) train Canal Street subway station in Manhattan, for unauthorized sale of farecard swipes, forgery in the second degree, possession of forged instrument in the second degree, resisting arrest, and obstructing governmental administration (BR 02). During this incident, PO Singh allegedly said to \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ "You are a fucking asshole. You broke my watch" (Allegation A: Discourtesy, \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ PO Singh then slapped \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ on the back of his head with an opened palm, causing \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ to lose balance, stumble forward, and roll down the staircase he was standing on (Allegation B: Force, \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ As a result of the fall, \$\frac{837(2)(b)}{2}\$ sustained two fractured ribs.

There are MTA and BWC video recordings of this incident which are discussed in greater details below.

**Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Discourtesy: Police Officer Meetpal Singh spoke discourteously to [307(2)(5)] Allegation (B) Force: Police Officer Meetpal Singh used physical force against [887(2)(5) (BR 01) acknowledged that he was selling farecard swipes in the mezzanine area of the subway station. § 87(2)(b) was also under the influence of heroin. § 87(2)(b) approached a male, later identified as PO Meetpal Singh, and sold him a fare swipe for two dollars (\$2.00). As soon as \$87(2)(b) took the two dollars from PO Singh, PO Singh, using his left hand, grabbed §87(2)(b) s left wrist. §87(2)(b) did not know PO Singh was a police officer so he grabbed PO Singh's left wrist and pulled PO Singh's left hand away, causing the strap on PO Singh's Apple watch to break and the watch to fall on to the floor. PO Singh released and went to pick up his watch. Meanwhile, §87(2)(b) ran towards the staircase to exit the subway station. §87(2)(b) went up to the sixth or seventh step, when another officer, identified by the investigation as PO Joseph Cammarato, grabbed §87(2)(b) by the back of his shirt and said, "Police. Stop." § 87(2)(b) turned around and saw that PO Cammarato was holding a shield in his hand. § 87(2)(6) realized that PO Singh and PO Cammarato were officers and stopped. PO Cammarato brought § 87(2)(b) down, so that his stomach was touching the staircase, and handcuffed § 87(2)(b) Seconds later, PO Singh approached PO Cammarato and

opened palm. \$87(2)(b) lost his balance, stumbled and rolled down the staircase, and landed on his left side. \$87(2)(b) lost did not feel any pain because he was under the influence of heroin.

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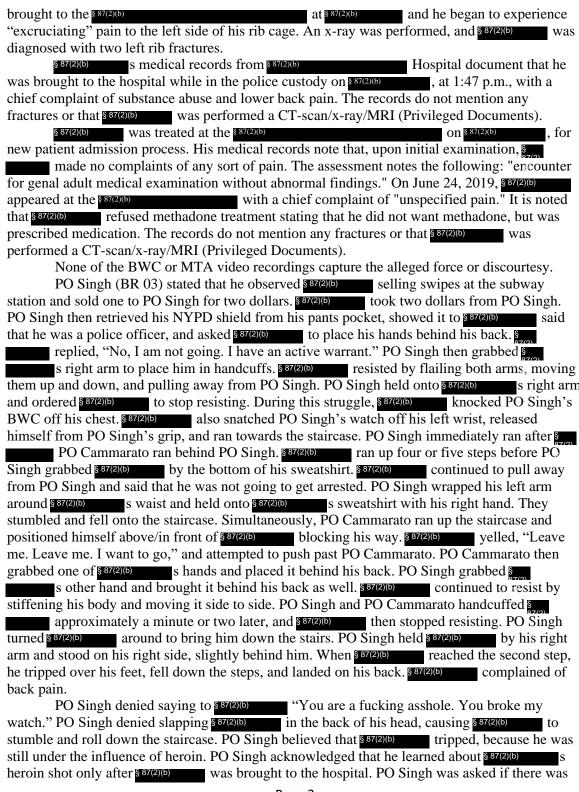
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assisted him in lifting \$87(2)(b) off the floor. \$87(2)(b) denied resisting. PO Singh was visibly upset that his watch broke as he showed the watch to \$87(2)(b) and said, "You are a fucking asshole. You broke my watch." PO Singh then turned \$87(2)(b) around to go down the

stairs. As they walked down, PO Singh slapped § 87(2)(b)

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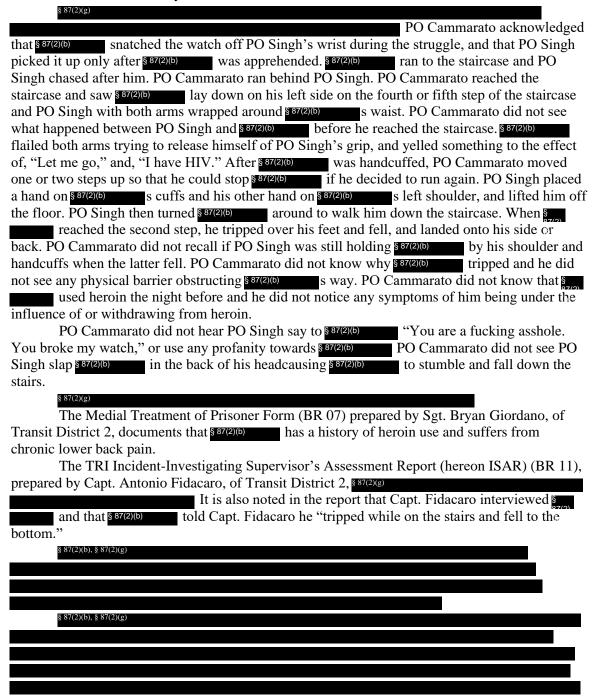


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anything else that could have caused \$87(2)(b) to trip and fall. PO Singh replied, "Well, probably his state of mind. He was just focusing on fleeing the station. And, once he was cuffed, he panicked and misjudged the step."

PO Singh's Threat, Resistance, and Injury Report (herein TRI) (BR 05) is generally consistent with his testimony.



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